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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR SAGAZ

1. AMBASSADOR SAGAZ DIED AT JAEN, SPAIN MAY 6 OF CANCER.
2. SUGGEST SECRETARY SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA:

"DEAR MR. MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AT THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR SAGAZ. HIS MANY YEARS OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION AND EXPERIENCE WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES MADE HIM A SPLENDID REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. HIS MANY FRIENDS HERE IN WASHINGTON AND THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY WILL TRULY MISS HIS RARE BLEND OF WISE COUNSEL, PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND PERSONAL WARMTH. MY COLLEAGUES AND I SHARE YOUR SENSE OF LOSS AND GRIEF OVER THIS TRAGIC EVENT.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY, SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER."

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3. ALSO SUGGEST YOU SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WIDOW VIA
EMBASSY MADRID:

"DEAR MRS. SAGAZ:

I AM TERRIBLY SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR SAGAZ.

ASSURING PRESENCE AND WISE COUNSEL HERE IN WASHINGTON.

NO WORDS OF MINE CAN LIGHTEN YOUR BURDEN AT THIS SAD
MOMENT. I SIMPLY WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO KNOW THAT
WE ARE THINKING OF YOU AND SHARE YOUR GRIEF. WE ARE ALL
LESSENERED -- BOTH AS DIPLOMATS AND AS HUMAN BEINGS -- AT
THE PASSING OF SUCH AN EXEMPLARY COLLEAGUE AS ANGEL
SAGAZ.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES IN
YOUR BEREAVEMENT. HENRY A. KISSINGER." RUSH

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